REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1-11 have been rejected. Claims 12-17 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 1 has been amended.

Applicants respectfully assert that the amendment to claim 1 adds no new matter.

Applicants respectfully assert that the claim listing herein is being filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated 15th January 2009, issued in response to the amendment filed on 23rd December 2008, and only the required corrected section of the non-compliant amendment is being submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121.

Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and is directed to the arguments filed on 23rd December 2008, which accompanied the claim amendments submitted therewith and which are being amended herein in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated 15th January 2009.
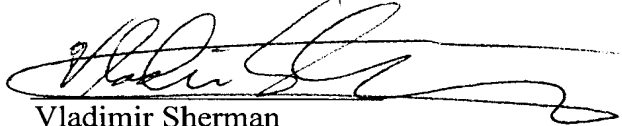
Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned Attorney of Record. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the

prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned Attorney of Record.

Please charge any fees associated with this paper to deposit account No. 50-3400.

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